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PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Hiroaki NASU, et al.
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For: SPARK PLUG AND PRODUCING METHOD THEREFOR
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Original) A spark plug comprising:
 - a central electrode;
 - an insulator provided outside said central electrode;
 - a main metal shell provided outside said insulator; and
 - a ground electrode provided to oppose to said central electrode to define a spark discharge gap;wherein a surface of said main metal shell is coated with a complex chromate coat that contains a chromium component comprising at least 90wt% of trivalent chromium and at least